

Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 3, "An Act making an appropriation to defray the contingent expenses of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Texas, convened April 2, 1903, by proclamation of the Governor,"

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:45 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

HALE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 10, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 1, "An Act making an appropriation to pay per diem pay of members and per diem pay of officers and employes, of the First Called Session of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Texas, convened April 2, 1903, by proclamation of the Governor,"

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:45 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

HALE, Chairman.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Senator Willacy, the Senate, at 2:40 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 11 o'clock a. m. next Monday.

SIXTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, Monday, April 13, 1903.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Neal in the chair.

Roll call. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Beaty.	Hicks.
Brachfield.	Hill.
Cain.	Lipscomb.
Davidson of	Martin.
DeWitt.	McKamy.
Decker.	Mills.
Douglass.	Morris.
Faulk.	Patteson.
Grinnan.	Perkins.
Hale.	Savage.
Hanger.	Willacy.
Harper.	Wilson.

Absent.

Davidson of	Henderson.
Galveston.	Paulus.
Faubion.	Sebastian.
Faust.	Stafford.
Harbison.	

Prayer by the chaplain, Rev. I. S. Davenport.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Mills, the same was dispensed with.

SIMPLE RESOLUTION.

Senator Hicks offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate, That Albert Sydney Johnston Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy be granted the use of the Senate Chamber from 5 o'clock p. m. to 9 o'clock p. m., on Thursday, April 16, 1903, for the purpose of holding a reception after the unveiling of the Confederate Monument in the capitol grounds on that day.

The resolution was adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

A messenger from the Executive Office appeared at the bar of the Senate and, being duly announced, presented the following message from the Governor.

To the Legislature.

I am advised by the Board of Trustees of the Orphans' Home at Corsicana that the school building at that institution is unsafe and condemned by the board. They say, "the condition of the building puts at hazard the lives of the children as well as the teachers, and calls for immediate action." A local architect, Mr. H. B. Lockhead, has examined the building, and he reports that "the building in its present condition is wholly unsafe." It is estimated that an appropriation of \$4,750 will be required to meet the exigency and that it should be immediately available. I transmit herewith a copy of the report of the Board and architect for your information. I present this matter as a subject of legislation and thereof recommend your consideration.

S. W. T. LANHAM,
Governor.

"Corsicana, Texas, April 8, 1903.

Hon. S. W. T. Lanham, Austin, Texas.

DEAR SIR: We beg to call your special attention to the report of the architect, H. B. Lockhead, on the school building at the State Orphan Home. He condemns it as unsafe. We feel sure from our own knowledge of the building

that his report is correct, and we also condemn the building as unsafe. The condition of the building puts at hazard the lives of the children as well as the teachers and calls for immediate action. The architect says it will take \$4,750 to put the building in proper condition, and that amount ought to be appropriated for that purpose. We would unhesitatingly make appropriation if we had the power to do so. As we have not the power, we desire to discharge our responsibility in the matter by making known to the proper authority the emergency of the case. In the event of collapse of the building and ensuing accident, we feel our responsibility is discharged by advising and strongly recommending immediate repairs. We are sure you will take this matter up and make provision to prevent disastrous consequences.

Respectfully submitted,
R. E. PRINCE, President.
R. H. DANIEL,
MRS. H. L. SCALES,
W. A. POLK,

Board Trustees, State Orphan Home.

I join in above report.

J. J. SWANN,
Superintendent State Orphan Home."

"At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the State Orphan Home, April 6, 1903, Hon. J. L. Halbert introduced the following, and the same was adopted:

Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the State Orphan Home, That we adopt the report of Architect H. B. Lockhead on the school building of said institution, which report is hereto attached and made a part hereof, and that we urge upon the Legislature of the State of Texas, now in session, to make appropriation immediately available in the sum recommended by said architect for the repairs of said building, so that the same may not be further damaged by delay."

"Corsicana, Texas, March 18, 1903.

Honorable Board of Trustees, State Orphan Home, Corsicana, Texas.

GENTLEMEN: Complying with your request to make an examination as to the present condition of the two-story brick school building on the State Orphan's Home property, I beg to submit the following report:

I have made a careful examination of the building and do not hesitate to pronounce it unsafe. The foundations have settled deeply, and in many places are widely cracked. A large amount of the mortar (which was weak and of poor quality) has washed out of the joints in

the foundation and superstructure. There is a more immediate danger to the occupants of the building from falling plaster, due to the continued settling of the walls. In my opinion, it is only a matter of a short time before this settling will reach such a point as to throw the walls so far out of plumb as to remove all support to the upper floors and the roof. This would mean a total collapse of the building. Already the roof trusses over the auditorium are sagged some half foot or more. As long as three years ago (only two years after its completion) it became necessary to assist the decaying mortar and arch work by a series of rods and pointing to hold the opposite walls plumb, and additional rods have been placed each year.

The decay and washing of the mortar joints is due to imperfect work and inferior material, and most of the cracking and settling is because of too shallow foundations under the heavier portions of the structure.

It would require an expenditure equal to the original cost to put the building in as good and lasting condition as a structure of this kind should be, but the repairs suggested below will make it safe and secure for a considerable time. My recommendation is as follows:

The main and dwarf towers should be removed and rebuilt from a lower foundation, using secret rods embedded in arches and first-class mortar, thus relieving the dead strain and more evenly distributing weight of brick work on piers and walls. All material found in good condition could be re-used, and the towers rebuilt according to present design and proportion, thus not marring the symmetry and intention of the original idea.

All the exterior brick walls should be stuccoed from footing courses in foundation to eaves of roof, rock face design and composed of German Imported Portland cement and sand. The stucco would refill all joints and crevices where mortar has washed out and would preserve the brick work generally against any further decay, besides adding greatly to the appearance of the building.

All of the overhead plastering (or what remains of same) on each floor should be removed and beaded ceiling substituted.

The roof trusses over the Auditorium should be reinforced with iron straps on wall bearings and rods adjusted, using cast shoulders. All bottom chords should be cambered and lined true and level to receive the beaded ceiling.

All the tin and galvanized work in and about the towers should be replaced with

new material, and whatever leaks exist in main roof, new material should be placed and well painted.

All doors and windows throughout the building should be refitted and the windows glazed wherever necessary.

All new work of wood should receive two coats of best lead and oil.

The approximate cost of removing the old work and placing the new, as above suggested, including the painting, will be as follows:

Brick and iron work.....	\$1,600
Stucco	1,800
Carpentry and material.....	1,000
Painting and glazing.....	200
Tin-work and hardware.....	150

Total\$4,750

The expenditures as above suggested would add much to the safety of the building, and may be executed with perfect security, if done before too much further decay, and I desire here to repeat that the building in its present condition is wholly unsafe.

Respectfully submitted,
H. B. LOCHHEAD,
Architect."

FIRST HOUSE MESSAGE.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, April 13, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 4, Relating to the lease of certain lots belonging to the State of Texas, situated in the city of Austin.

Respectfully,
BOB BARKER,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Wilson, Senator Sebastian was excused from attendance upon the Senate for today on account of sickness.

On motion of Senator Savage, Senator Hanger was excused from attendance upon the Senate on last Friday on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Douglass, Senator Patteson was excused from attendance upon the Senate on last Wednesday on account of important business.

SENATE BILL ON FIRST READING.

By Senator Faulk:
Senate bill No. 7, A bill to be entitled "An Act to appropriate forty-seven hun-

dred and fifty dollars to repair the school building belonging to the State Orphan Asylum at Corsicana, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Read and referred to Committee on Finance.

INVITATION TO VISIT SAN ANTONIO.

Senator Hicks offered the following invitation:

San Antonio, Texas, April 11, 1903.

To the Senate of Texas.

It affords me pleasure to extend to the Senate of Texas an invitation to be present in San Antonio on April 21st, to view in front of the Historic Alamo, the "Battle of Flowers," which is an annual festival given by the citizens of San Antonio to commemorate the battle of San Jacinto. A reviewing stand upon Alamo Plaza has been erected for the use of members of the Legislature, State officials and their families, and I sincerely trust that our city may be honored by the presence of the Senate of Texas.

Yours sincerely,

H. E. HILDEBRAND,
President Business Men's Club.

Senator Davidson of DeWitt moved that the Senate accept the invitation.

The motion prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 3.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading, regular order,

House bill No. 3, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the retirement of certain bonds of the State of Texas, maturing the first day of January, 1904, by issuing other bonds at a lower rate of interest in lieu thereof; providing for the execution of such other bonds; the manner of sale or exchange of the new bonds; and making an appropriation for expenses incurred under the provisions of this act."

Senator Davidson of DeWitt moved that the bill be recommitted to Committee on Finance.

The motion prevailed.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

(By unanimous consent.)

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 13, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 7, A bill to be entitled "An Act to appropriate Forty-seven

hundred and fifty dollars to repair the school building belonging to the State Orphan Asylum at Corsicana, Texas, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do* pass, and be not printed. (Floor report.)

WILSON, Chairman.

SENATE BILL NO. 7.

On motion of Senator Faulk, pending business (House Concurrent Resolution No. 4) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its regular order, Senate bill No. 7.

Senator Faulk moved that the Senate rule governing committee reports be suspended for the purpose of considering Senate bill No. 7.

The motion prevailed.

On further motion of Senator Faulk, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and the bill put on its second reading by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Beaty.	Hicks.
Brachfield.	Hill.
Cain.	Lipscomb.
Davidson of	Martin.
DeWitt.	McKamy.
Decker.	Mills.
Douglass.	Morris.
Faulk.	Patteson.
Grinnan.	Perkins.
Hale.	Savage.
Hanger.	Willacy.
Harper.	Wilson.

Absent.

Davidson of	Harbison.
Galveston.	Henderson.
Faubion.	Paulus.
Faust.	Stafford.

Absent—Excused.

Sebastian.

The Chair here laid before the Senate on second reading,

Senate bill No. 7, A bill to be entitled "An Act to appropriate forty-seven hundred and fifty dollars to repair the school building belonging to the State Orphan Asylum at Corsicana, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Bill was read second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Faulk, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and

the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Beaty.	Hicks.
Brachfield.	Hill.
Cain.	Lipscomb.
Davidson of	Martin.
DeWitt.	McKamy.
Decker.	Mills.
Douglass.	Morris.
Faulk.	Patteson.
Grinnan.	Savage.
Hale.	Willacy.
Hanger.	Wilson.
Harper.	

Absent.

Davidson of	Henderson.
Galveston.	Paulus.
Faubion.	Perkins.
Faust.	Stafford.
Harbison.	

Absent—Excused.

Sebastian.

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Beaty.	Hicks.
Brachfield.	Hill.
Cain.	Lipscomb.
Davidson of	Martin.
DeWitt.	McKamy.
Decker.	Mills.
Douglass.	Morris.
Faulk.	Patteson.
Grinnan.	Savage.
Hale.	Willacy.
Hanger.	Wilson.
Harper.	

Absent.

Davidson of	Henderson.
Galveston.	Paulus.
Faubion.	Perkins.
Faust.	Stafford.
Harbison.	

Absent—Excused.

Sebastian.

Senator Faulk moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4.

The Chair laid before the Senate, regular order,

House Concurrent Resolution No. 4, Relating to the lease of certain lots belonging to the State of Texas, situated in the city of Austin.

Senators Hanger and Davidson of De-

Witt offered the following amendment to the resolution:

"Amend the resolution by striking out the words 'ten years,' and insert in lieu thereof the words 'five years.'"

The amendment was adopted.

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2.

The Chair laid before the Senate, regular order,

House Concurrent Resolution No. 2, Inviting the survivors of the battle of San Jacinto to visit the capitol on Tuesday, April 21, 1903, the anniversary of that great event.

The resolution was read and adopted.

INVITATION TO THE SENATE.

The Chair directed that the following invitation be read and printed in the Journal.

Dallas, Texas, April 10, 1903.

The Lieutenant Governor, Geo. D. Neal, of the Province of Texas, Austin, Texas.

GREETING: It is our purpose to enter in regal state our Loyal City of Dallas, in Kaliphate so named, at two of the o'clock, past meridian, on Tuesday, April fourteen, Christian calendar, nineteen-hundred-and-three.

We request your attendance upon that occasion with all the grave reverend Senators of your chamber—as well as the members of the Lower House, to whom same request is transmitted, as also to Governor and Cabinet.

Cease your arduous labors for a time and join in our festivities.

MUSTAPHA BEN SALEM,
Kaliph.

BEN TABORAK, Vizier.

We respectfully join in this earnest request and hope for the gracious acceptance of same by your Excellency and others therein named.

D. E. GROVE,
President Grand Order of Kalips.

CHAS. E. STEINMAN,
President Dallas Commercial Club.

On motion of Senator Lipscomb, the above invitation was accepted.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Senator Hanger, the Senate, at 11:40 o'clock a. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m., tomorrow.

SEVENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, Tuesday, April 14, 1903.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Lieutenant Governor Neal in the chair.

Roll call. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Beaty.	Hicks.
Brachfield.	Hill.
Cain.	Lipscomb.
Davidson of	Martin.
DeWitt.	McKamy.
Decker.	Mills.
Douglass.	Morris.
Faulk.	Patteson.
Grinnan.	Perkins.
Hale.	Savage.
Hanger.	Sebastian.
Harper.	Willacy.
Henderson.	Wilson.

Absent.

Davidson of	Harbison.
Galveston.	Paulus.
Faubion.	Stafford.
Faust.	

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. I. S. Davenport.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Wilson, the same was dispensed with.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The following committee reports were offered:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 13, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

House bill No. 3, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the retirement of certain bonds of the State of Texas, maturing the first day of January, 1904, by issuing others at a lower rate of interest in lieu thereof; providing for the execution of such other bonds, the manner of sale or exchange of the new bonds; and making an appropriation for expenses incurred under the provisions of this act,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*, with the following amendments: